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Heading For a Holiday

And a holiday it was for the many campers who enjoyed a stay at Enchanted Hills during the summer of 1962. A holiday full of fun, excitement, entertainment and, most of all, adventure. The adventure of meeting nature with all of her challenges and beauty. The adventure of making new friends, of meeting old ones, and renewing the acquaintanceship of past years and past encampments.

But 1962 at Enchanted Hills was more than a holiday and more than

adventure—it was a real experience in learning. The director of the camp and the fine staff of counselors worked closely with the Executive Director and closely with the children themselves in setting a climate which, while fun, was most instructive as well. The results were so encouraging, so dramatically successful, that many changes have resulted in the future plans for Enchanted Hills. For example: It was found that two weeks simply are *not* sufficient for the teenage group. There were so many things to do and see and learn and know about and just not enough time to give





the depth to the learning that the the Camp Director felt necessary. There was a fabulous trip to Bodega Bay . . . a trip where many of the children were introduced to the ocean for the first time in their lives. This was important—this was a great experience—and yet there was no time in which to savor the thrill, no time to prepare them properly and no time to educate them into what it was that they had experienced, and this is the kind of teaching with which Enchanted Hills wants to enrich the lives of those blind campers who come to the beautiful Napa Hills for their summer treat.

Then there was an exciting overnight hike and camp-out. A pack trip which taught self-reliance, the give and take necessary in life and in camping . . . oh yes, 1962 was a memorable year at Enchanted Hills.

There were horses to be ridden, camp fire breakfasts to be cooked, swimming lessons, kitten to cuddle, and two families of ducks to name.

A red-letter day . . . the teenage group left Camp in two busses and headed to San Francisco for a thrilling GIANTS game at Candlestick Park. And the Giants won . . . just to make it more fun than ever.

Another exciting trip, which was





indeed a memorable occasion, was the excursion to San Rafael where some fifty campers were turned loose with a whole kennelful of puppies. Beautiful, wonderful, bouncing puppies . . . no one knew who enjoyed it more . . . those eager puppies or the children who responded to their warm love. We think the creator of *Peanuts* must have been lurking in the San Rafael hills when he decided to name his latest book *Happiness is a Warm Puppy!*

And through all of the fun and learning there was the earnest preparation of the counsellors for their serious job of guiding these young





minds and setting their feet straight on the path of life. Work so well done that Enchanted Hills has been chosen as a counsellor-training project.

And so it is that with new plans and new ideas . . . the new dream for Enchanted Hills is for a three-week summer encampment for the teenage visitors next summer. Three weeks in which to really set up a model camping session for these children who need it, want it and beg for this extra bonus experience.

And for all of the friends of Enchanted Hills who have made possible the many hours of joy and





education for these blind children, there are many expressions of gratitude and happiness coming your way from those whose lives your generosity has significantly enriched.

We hope that you are pleased as you read this report to know how much has been accomplished because you cared about their plight and made possible this dream of enchantment. Without you there would have been only empty dreams . . . so very few of the blind campers who apply can meet the cost of even their expenses much less the cost of a two-week encampment.

Once more we hope you will open

your hearts and your purses to the call of these children and adults and make it possible for us to expand our services in 1963 to include a three-week camp session in addition to the already scheduled two-week session for young children and four weekly sessions for blind adults.

We are proud of this 1962 Camp Report and we know that you are too. So much was done . . . so much accomplished and yet . . . so much more to do that we are all working as hard as we can to make certain that the 1963 Camp Report will be the best ever.





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